

Media release

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NSW EPA recycling rebates open for business

Small businesses looking to reduce their waste costs can take advantage of up to \$25,000 in generous government rebates being offered through NSW EPA.

Businesses can apply for a rebate for up to half the value of small scale recycling equipment such as compressors, organics processors, shredders, grinders and dehydrators, worth between \$4,000 and \$50,000. The rebates apply until 2016.

“It’s great to see that NSW EPA is committed to helping businesses manage their waste more effectively and reduce the cost burden for waste management,” said Shaun Scallan, Recycling Programs Manager Planet Ark.

To qualify, businesses must undertake a free BinTrim audit prior to applying for a rebate. The project is supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW EPA’s Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, funded from the state waste levy.

Given that Australian businesses are generating an average of 1.7 tonnes of waste per employee yet only recycling half that amount¹, incentives such as the NSW EPA rebates are an important tool for encouraging businesses to minimise waste and recover resources.

A growing number of businesses are telling of their recycling success stories, from councils and employment services to shopping centres, hotels and even hair salons.

Planet Ark’s **BusinessRecycling.com.au** an online directory and hotline specifically designed to make it easy for Australian businesses to find local recycling services for more than 90 different materials. It also hosts details on the BinTrim program: <http://businessrecycling.com.au/research/bintrim.cfm>

The Recycling Equipment Catalogue, available at <http://businessrecycling.com.au/equipment>, contains information on a wide range of machinery to help businesses make fully informed decisions when choosing their recycling equipment.

Suppliers of recycling equipment are encouraged to list their products on the site, which has been designed for direct entry by suppliers and allows on-line editing, modification and additions to be made by each supplier for their respective equipment listings.

New suppliers can register at <http://businessrecycling.com.au/equipmentsupplier>

BusinessRecycling.com.au is made possible through the support of Foundation Partner, the NSW Environment Protection Authority, and Major Partner, the Victorian Government. It is also supported by Promotion Partners Zero Waste South Australia and MobileMuster, the Australian mobile phone industry’s official product stewardship program. The site is also supported by the **BusinessRecycling** Hotline on 1300 763 768.

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¹ *Recycling Revolutions Report, Planet Ark 2013*, based on figures from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water Population and Communities.

About Planet Ark

Planet Ark Environmental Foundation is an Australian not-for-profit environmental organisation that was founded in 1992. We create simple, powerful and positive actions that help people, governments and businesses reduce their impact on the environment. Our vision is to create a future where people live in balance with nature.

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